

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 9-12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following claims for the currently pending claims:

7B1 8. (Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein:

said distal portion of said tab is coupled to said interior surface.

20. (Amended) An inflatable apparatus comprising:

a shell having an interior portion;

a circuit coupled to said interior portion;

said circuit including:

an energy source; and,

7B2 a switch electrically coupled to said energy source;

wherein said switch has an open circuit position and a closed circuit position; and,

wherein said switch is configured to automatically change from said open circuit position

to said closed circuit position as the inflatable apparatus is inflated.

21. (Amended) The inflatable apparatus according to Claim 20 further comprising:

a tab coupled between said shell and said circuit;

wherein said tab is arranged to change said switch position from said open circuit

position to said closed circuit position as the inflatable apparatus is inflated.

22. (Amended) An inflatable apparatus comprising:

a shell having an interior portion;

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circuit means for generating a desired effect coupled to said interior portion; and,
means coupled to said circuit means for preventing said circuit means from generating
said desired effect until the inflatable device is being inflated.

24.(Amended) The Mylar balloon according to Claim 23 wherein:

said tab is further coupled to said interior side of one of said plurality of sheets and is
arranged to automatically change said switch from said open circuit position to said closed
circuit position as the Mylar balloon is inflated.

25.(Amended) The Mylar balloon according to Claim 23 wherein:

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said tab comprises a valve configured to allow air into the Mylar balloon.

26.(Amended) The Mylar balloon according to Claim 23 further comprising a valve

coupled between said plurality of sheets and configured to allow air into the Mylar balloon.

27.(Amended) The Mylar balloon according to Claim 26 wherein:

said tab is further coupled to said valve and is arranged to automatically change said
switch from said open circuit position to said closed circuit position as the Mylar balloon is
inflated.

Please add the following claims:

29.(new) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said tab is arranged to move relative to said switch and to change said position of said switch from said closed position to said open position upon deflation of said inflatable device.

30.(new) An apparatus for controlling current supply to an external device operating in a plurality of states, comprising:

a power source;

a switch coupled to said power source;

wherein said switch allows current flow to the external device when said switch is in a closed position and the external device is in at least a first operating state of the plurality of operating states;

wherein said switch prevents current flow to the external device when said switch is in an open position and the external device is in at least a second operating state of the plurality of operating states; and

a position switching element capable of alternating between said closed position and said open position of said switch upon a change in the external device's operating states.

In the Figures

Please substitute amended FIGS 1, 3, and 4 for the currently pending FIGS. 1, 3, and 4.